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Speaker: Associate Professor Güneş Duru

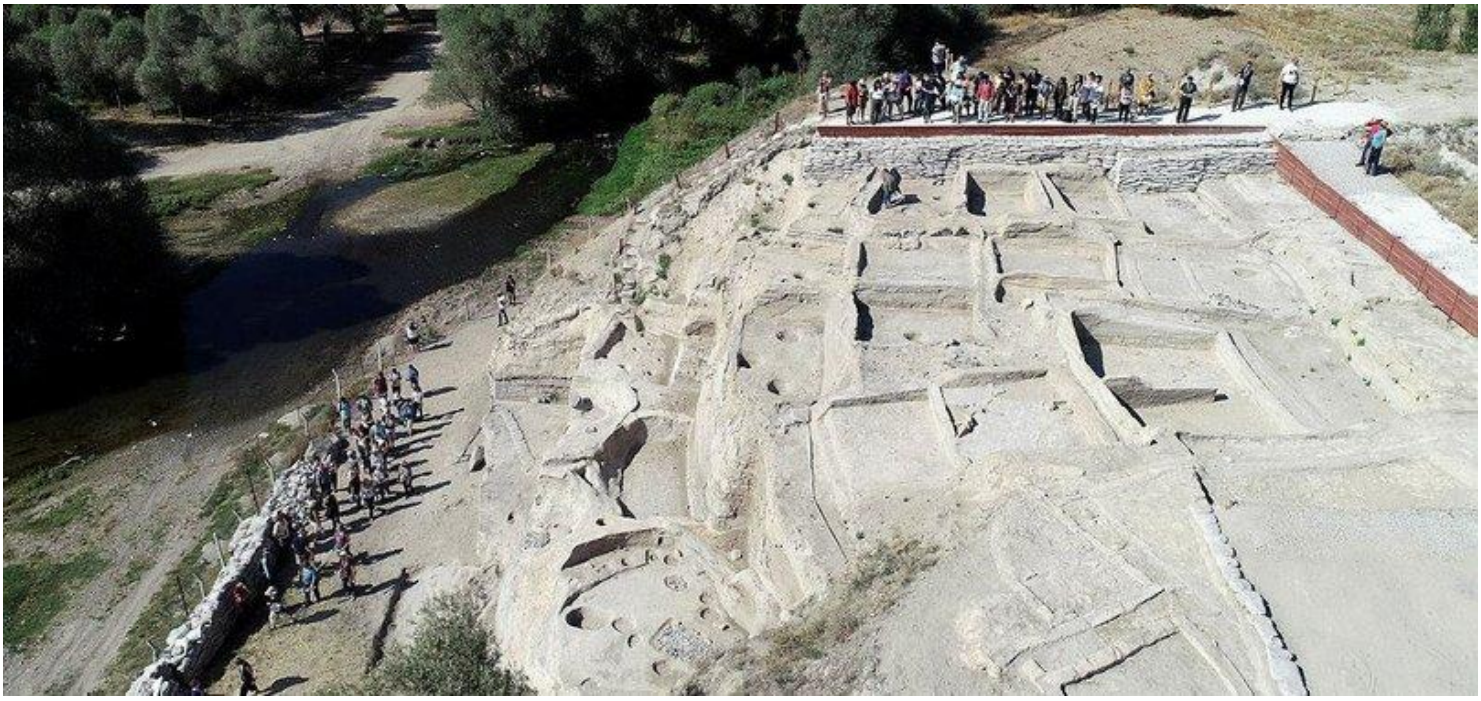
Venue: Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 5BT

Title: 'Central Anatolian Neolithic: Tracing the Emergence of Early Sedentary Communities'

This talk explores the complexity and diversity of early Neolithic life in Central Anatolia, a region crucial to understanding the emergence of sedentary lifeways and early farming practices. Drawing on two contemporary communities—Aşıklı and Balıklı—it examines how early Anatolian societies developed distinct social and ecological strategies. While Aşıklı reflects long-term stability and internal transformation, Balıklı illustrates a more fluid and outward-oriented existence, marked by mobility and interregional connectivity. By comparing these communities, the talk challenges uniform models of Neolithic development and highlights the multiplicity of pathways through which early communities shaped their worlds in the Anatolian context.

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Güneş Duru is an archaeologist and Associate Professor at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul. He specializes in the prehistory of Southwest Asia, with a particular focus on the Neolithic period in Central Anatolia. He is the co-director of the Aşıklı Höyük Project and director of the Balıklı Excavations. Over the years, he has contributed to numerous excavations, including Çatalhöyük. His research explores themes such as human-material interactions, settlement organization, and theoretical archaeology. Beyond fieldwork, Duru is a prominent advocate for critical and reflexive approaches in archaeology and is actively involved in interdisciplinary teaching and writing.

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